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title: Need to take measures to control the Inflammatory Bowel Disease in the country.

SHRI P. SRINIVASA REDDY (KHAMMAM) : I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards the widespread Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD), to which Indians were earlier less prone to are now easily being affected. The disease has now affected more than a crore people in the country and is spreading very rapidly in Telangana. The number of instances of people getting infected with IBD has increased reasonably in the recent past. There is a need to create awareness about this disease as most people confuse it with diarrhea as per the symptoms are almost same. The reason why people get affected is not quite known yet, but the change in lifestyle, food habits and others can play a major role.

IBD is a condition where one's large intestine inflames and the term is used to describe two diseases-ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease. The symptoms include abdominal pain, recurring diarrhea, rectal bleeding, anaemia, weight loss and tiredness. People living in the urban area are more likely to get affected with this disease than the ones in the rural areas. According to experts, India will have approximately 13 million cases of IBD by 2021.

I, therefore, urge upon the Government to take urgent measures to control the disease at the earliest.